(b) and (c). Comments on the issues raised in the news-item have been called for from the University of Delhi and any further action in the matter would by possible after the same are received.

[Translation]

Units of IIT in Maharashtra

1463. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to set up some more units of Indian Institute of Technology in Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Funds for National Highways to Maharashtra

1464. SHRI SHARAD PAWAR :
SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for low allocation of funds for National Highways in Maharashtra during Eighth Five Year Plan, as against the demand made by the State Government;

(b) whether the per k.m. average allocations are same for Maharashtra as against the other States;

(c) whether the Government propose to increase there allocations; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (d). The development of National Highways is a continuous process. However, the funds available have been about 40% of the requirement. As such the demands of all the States including that of Maharashtra could not be fully met. During the VIIIth Plan, a sum of Rs. 132.74 crores has been allocated to Maharashtra State.

Road Projects to Private Sector in Maharashtra

1465. SHRIMATI JAYANTI NAVINCHANDRA MEHTA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Maharashtra Government has sought approval of Union Government for handing over Road Development projects to private sector;

(b) if so, the details of each project;

(c) the names of the schemes approved by the Government along with the details of their cost and terms and conditions; and

(d) the details of the schemes pending, reasons therefor and the time by which the schemes will be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The list of such projects is annexed.

(c) So far only one project i.e. Thane-Bhiwandi By-pass has been approved by the Union Govt. with concession period of 7 years and 8 months and user fees as follows :

(i)	Motor Car/Jeep etc.	Rs. 10/-
(ii)	Buses/Truck etc.	Rs. 30/-
(iii)	Heavy Machinery like dozers, crane and Earth Movers etc.	Rs. 40/-

(d) Proposals are at various stages and it is too early to indicate a time frame for their approval.

STATEMENT

Roads Projects to Private Sector in Maharashtra

S.No.	Name of the Project
1	2
1.	Construction of Panvel bypass on N.H. 4.
2.	Construction of major bridge across Patalganga river near Kharperda village in Km. 16/400 of PMP road.
3.	Four laning of NH-4 B.
4.	Construction of major bridge across Wainganga river in mile No. 39/1 (Km. 491/0) including approaches on Raipur Nagpur section of NH-6 near Bhandara.
5.	Four laning of road between Vadgaon to Lonawala Km. 34/0 to 61/600 and Lonawala Khandala bypass between Km. 61/600 to 67/785 on Mumbai-Pune road.
6.	Strengthening existing two lane from Tapi bridge at Dabhashi to Km. 233/0 of Mumbai-Agra road NH3 i.e. construction of ROB in Km. 228/0 at Nardhana and its approaches on NH-3 in Dhule Dist.
7.	Construction of Paldhi bypass and strengthening existing two lane payment on NH-6 from Km. 442/0 to 465/0 in Jalgaon Distt.